

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable memory containing therein instructions that, when executed, generate on a display device a graphical user interface (GUI) for creating or revising a rule that contains multiple conditions and an action to be taken when the conditions are satisfied, the GUI comprising:

first and second user-selectable elements;

a rule-editing area that is configured to:

(i) display, upon user selection of the first element, a condition input field set for accepting a first user specification of: (a) an attribute name for each of the conditions, (b) an attribute value for each of the conditions, and (c) a choice between an “and” logical operator and an “or” logical operator for logically connecting two or more of the conditions, wherein, after the first user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions while the condition input field set is displayed, and

(ii) display, upon user selection of the second element, an action input field set for accepting a second user specification of: (d) an action name identifying the action, and (e) an action value for the action, wherein, after the second user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified action name and action value while the action input field set is displayed, and wherein the condition input field set and the action input field set are not displayed concurrently with each other; and

a rule preview area configured to provide, after the first and second user specifications, a display of a user-understandable representation of the rule comprising both the conditions and the action, the rule preview area being displayed both while the condition input field set is displayed and while the action input field set is displayed, the user-understandable representation including at least the user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions

after the first user specification, and including at least the user-specified action name and action value for the action after the second user specification.

2. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the rule-preview area is configured to provide the display of the user-understandable representation of both the conditions and the action in a read-only format so that a user cannot edit the conditions in the rule-preview area and cannot edit the action in the rule-preview area.

3. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the rule-editing area is configured to accept user input to create or modify any of the conditions upon user selection of the first element.

4. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the rule contains at least two actions, and wherein the rule-editing area is configured to accept user input to create or modify any of the actions upon user selection of the second element.

5. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the conditions each include an attribute name, an operator, and an attribute value.

6. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 5, wherein the rule-editing area contains, for each particular condition of the multiple conditions:

a first menu having a set of user-selectable options for determining the attribute name of the particular condition;

a second menu having a set of user-selectable options for determining the operator of the particular condition; and

a text-entry field to accept user input for determining the attribute value of the particular condition.

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the rule-editing area contains:

a menu having a set of user-selectable options for determining the action name of the action; and

a text-entry field to accept user input for determining the action value of the action.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the action further includes an attribute name and an attribute value.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the first user-selectable element is adjacent to the second user-selectable element.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the first and second user-selectable elements are each either user-selectable buttons or user-selectable text elements.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the first and second user-selectable elements are each graphical tabs.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 1, wherein the rule may be used to process textual information.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable memory of claim 13, wherein the rule may be used to process textual information contained in an email message.

15. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) for creating or revising a rule that contains multiple conditions and an action to be taken when the conditions are satisfied, the method comprising:

providing first and second user-selectable elements;

providing a rule-editing area that is configured to:

(i) display, upon user selection of the first element, a condition input field set for accepting a first user specification of: (a) an attribute name for each of the conditions, (b) an attribute value for each of the conditions, and (c) a choice between an “and” logical operator and an “or” logical operator for logically connecting two or more of the conditions, wherein, after the first user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions while the condition input field set is displayed, and

(ii) display, upon user selection of the second element, an action input field set for accepting a second user specification of: (d) an action name identifying the action, and (e) an action value for the action, wherein, after the second user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified action name and action value while the action input field set is displayed, and wherein the condition input field set and the action input field set are not displayed concurrently with each other; and

providing a rule preview area configured to provide, after the first and second user specifications, a display of a user-understandable representation of the rule comprising both the conditions and the action, the rule preview area being displayed both while the condition input field set is displayed and while the action input field set is displayed, the user-understandable representation including at least the user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions after the first user specification, and including at least the user-specified action name and action value for the action after the second user specification.

16. (Previously Presented) A computer-implemented method for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) that may be used to create or revise a rule that contains multiple conditions and an action to be taken when the conditions are satisfied, the method comprising:

providing first and second user-selectable elements;

providing a rule-editing area that is configured to:

(i) display, upon user selection of the first element, a condition input field set for accepting a first user specification of: (a) an attribute name for each of the conditions, (b) an attribute value for each of the conditions, and (c) a choice between an “and” logical operator and an “or” logical operator for logically connecting two or more of the conditions, wherein, after the

first user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions while the condition input field set is displayed, and

(ii) display, upon user selection of the second element, an action input field set for accepting a second user specification of: (d) an action name identifying the action, and (e) an action value for the action, wherein, after the second user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified action name and action value while the action input field set is displayed, and wherein the condition input field set and the action input field set are not displayed concurrently with each other; and

providing a rule preview area configured to provide, after the first and second user specifications, a display of a user-understandable representation of the rule comprising both the conditions and the action, the rule preview area being displayed both while the condition input field set is displayed and while the action input field set is displayed, the user-understandable representation including at least the user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions after the first user specification, and including at least the user-specified action name and action value for the action after the second user specification.

17. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable memory having computer-executable instructions contained therein for performing a method to provide a graphical user interface (GUI) that may be used to create or revise a rule that contains multiple conditions and an action to be taken when the conditions are satisfied, the method comprising:

providing first and second user-selectable elements;

providing a rule-editing area that is configured to:

(i) display, upon user selection of the first element, a condition input field set for accepting a first user specification of: (a) an attribute name for each of the conditions, (b) an attribute value for each of the conditions, and (c) a choice between an “and” logical operator and an “or” logical operator for logically connecting two or more of the conditions, wherein, after the first user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions while the condition input field set is displayed, and

(ii) display, upon user selection of the second element, an action input field set for accepting a second user specification of: (d) an action name identifying the action, and (e) an

action value for the action, wherein, after the second user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified action name and action value while the action input field set is displayed, and wherein the condition input field set and the action input field set are not displayed concurrently with each other; and

providing a rule preview area configured to provide, after the first and second user specifications, a display of a user-understandable representation of the rule comprising both the conditions and the action, the rule preview area being displayed both while the condition input field set is displayed and while the action input field set is displayed, the user-understandable representation including at least the user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions after the first user specification, and including at least the user-specified action name and action value for the action after the second user specification.

18. (Previously Presented) A system for providing a graphical user interface (GUI) that may be used to create or revise a rule that contains multiple conditions and an action to be taken when the conditions are satisfied, wherein the system includes:

one or more processors; and

computer-readable memory having computer-executable instructions contained therein for performing a method, the method comprising:

providing first and second user-selectable elements;

providing a rule-editing area that is configured to:

(i) display, upon user selection of the first element, a condition input field set for accepting a first user specification of: (a) an attribute name for each of the conditions, (b) an attribute value for each of the conditions, and (c) a choice between an “and” logical operator and an “or” logical operator for logically connecting two or more of the conditions, wherein, after the first user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions while the condition input field set is displayed, and

(ii) display, upon user selection of the second element, an action input field set for accepting a second user specification of: (d) an action name identifying the action, and (e) an action value for the action, wherein, after the second user specification, the rule-editing area displays a user-specified action name and action value while the action input field

set is displayed, and wherein the condition input field set and the action input field set are not displayed concurrently with each other; and

providing a rule preview area configured to provide, after the first and second user specifications, a display of a user-understandable representation of the rule comprising both the conditions and the action, the rule preview area being displayed both while the condition input field set is displayed and while the action input field set is displayed, the user-understandable representation including at least the user-specified attribute name and attribute value for each of the conditions after the first user specification, and including at least the user-specified action name and action value for the action after the second user specification.